

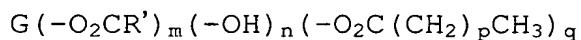
Triglyceride and Triglyceride-like Prodrugs of Glycogen
Phosphorylase Inhibiting Compounds

Abstract of the Disclosure

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Prodrugs of a glycogen phosphorylase inhibiting compounds are provided, said prodrug compounds having the formula I

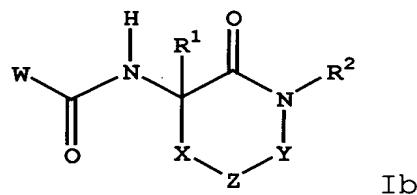
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wherein G is a C₃ to C₅ branched or straight carbon chain 15 and (-O₂CR'), (-OH) and (-O₂C(CH₂)_pCH₃) are attached to any available carbon atom along G;

m is an integer from 1 to 4;
 n is an integer from 0 to 3;
 p is an integer from 0 to 16;
 20 q is an integer from 0 to 3; where the sum of m, n and q is 3 or 4; and
 -O₂CR' is a fragment of a compound of formula



25 wherein W, X, Y, Z, R¹ and R² are as defined herein.

Further provided are pharmaceutical compositions and methods for treating diabetes and related diseases employing compounds above, either alone or in combination with another therapeutic agent.

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